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PROGRAM - A SIGN OF IMPROVEMENT IN RELATIONS

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AUG 73

1. IN REF A, CINPPKC REQUESTED ODRI VIEWS OF RATIONALE FOR
POLICY CHANGE BY GOI WHICH RESULTED IN THE RESUMPTION OF THE
SECURITY ASSISTANCE TRAINING PROGRAM AS REPORTED IN REFS B AND
C. EMBASSY BELIEVES THIS CHANGE IS PART OF THE CURRENT SLOW
MOVEMENT TOWARD IMPROVED INDO-US RELATIONS, DISCUSSED REF D,
REFLECTING (A) LESSENING OF SUSPICION OF US MOTIVES, (B)
ACCEPTANCE OF US INITIATIVES FOR IMPROVING RELATIONS (I.E.,
RUPEE NEGOTIATIONS), (C) WILLINGNESS TO ACCEPT LIMITED US ASSISTANCE
IN PROGRAMS WHICH WOULD OTHERWISE BE FUNDED BY GOI (I.E.,
MILITARY TRAINING, PEACE CORPS), AND (D) BELIEFS EXPRESSED IN
SOME CIRCLES THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD TILTED TOO FAR TOWARD THE
USSR AND BECOME TOO DEPENDENT ON SOVIETS. (EARLIER THIS YEAR
RUMOR HAD IT THAT THE SERVICE CHIEFS LED BY THEN CHIEF OF ARMY,
GENERAL MANNEKSHAW, HAD MADE THIS POINT TO THE PRIME MINISTER
AND HER CLOSE ADVISORS.)

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2. POLICY DECISIONS WITH RESPECT TO THE UNITED STATES SEEM TO
BE MADE BY THE PRIME MINISTER HERSELF OR WITHIN THE CIRCLE OF
HER CLOSEST ADVISORS.

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